



Welcome to the August edition of my Dulles Direct Newsletter. Although the Board has formally been in recess during August, I have used the break from regular meetings to work on longer term issues and visit with constituents. Among other things, I was pleased to tour John Champe High School, Gum Spring Library, and visit with the seniors at Dulles South Multipurpose Center. We will be back in session—with a very full schedule—on September 4 and 5.

I have two events coming up that I want to make you aware of. On September 8, I will once again have a booth at the South Riding Fall Business Expo and Yard Sale at the Dulles South Multipurpose Center. I will be available to discuss issues and answer questions from 8:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Also, I will be holding the next quarterly **Dulles Direct Town Hall Meeting** on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mercer Middle School Auditorium. I'm holding this meeting in Stone Ridge because there is an important issue regarding the configuration of Gum Spring Road that I want residents to be aware of. I have asked staff from VDOT and from the Loudoun County Office of Transportation Services to be on hand to discuss a plan to significantly change traffic flow at the Route 50 intersection. If you travel in this corridor, I would strongly encourage you to attend this meeting and help spread the word with your neighbors. In addition, **Dulles District School Board Representative Jeff Morse** will be present to give a back to school update.

As always, please share this newsletter with your friends and neighbors, and remember that the best way to stay up to date is to “like” my [Facebook page](#).

Legislative Update

Home Daycare: There recently has been some discussion about the number of children allowed in home daycares in Loudoun County. This discussion has been prompted by a change the Commonwealth of Virginia has made to its license application process which will now require compliance with local zoning ordinances before renewing or issuing licenses. Loudoun County's Zoning Ordinance allows nine children (including resident children under the age of fourteen) to be cared for in a home daycare. This differs from the state's allowance of up to

twelve. To be clear, Loudoun County has made no change in its zoning ordinance—the maximum number of children allowed has always been nine.

However, the new requirement of local zoning verification has brought to the forefront the fact that a large number of home daycare providers are not in compliance with the Loudoun zoning ordinance and are following only the state guidelines. Given the discrepancy between the number of children allowed in each (9 vs. 12), in July I made a motion—which passed—to have the Board of Supervisors take a closer look at our ordinance. On September 14 at 9:00 a.m., the Board's Transportation and Land Use Committee, of which I am a member, will be reviewing our Zoning Ordinance for home daycare. The meeting is open to the public and will be televised and webcast. If you wish to weigh in on this topic, you may contact the Board at bos@loudoun.gov. You may also address the Board in person at the September 4 and September 5 meetings. For more information on addressing the Board or to sign up and speak, call 703-777-0204.

Dulles District Updates

Gum Spring Library: There is good news and bad news regarding the Gum Spring Library. I'll start with the good news. As mentioned above, I joined staff from the county, Dulles District Library trustee Tom Jensen and Friends of the Gum Spring Library chair Karen Montgomery for a tour of the new library building. I was extremely impressed with the amount of space and the features that the library will have. The children's section alone--which takes up most of the first floor--is almost as large as the entire Ashburn Library! The building has a grand staircase in the middle and great natural light. The upstairs has a "cafe" concept (although there won't be food service, they are working on having machines that will serve coffee) and lots of places to sit and read. There will also be a large teen center, with a game room and study rooms. All in all, the library will have 90,000 volumes (including multimedia) available for circulation. I really believe the Gum Spring Library will become a major gathering place for citizens of the entire area.

Unfortunately, the bad news is that the opening of the library has been pushed back to February 2013, from December 2012. I have discussed the reasons for the delay with library and building and development staff and it is unavoidable. As many of you know, this is the first library in Loudoun that was constructed as a partnership with a private developer, and there have been some teething pains resulting in delays. Staff has made the decision to get everything done right so that the library will be fully operational on day one rather than rush and try to make the original deadline. Obviously, the delay is disappointing because I know how long the community has waited for the library. However, I do believe that the extra wait will be worth it. I will continue to keep you informed on progress. We're hoping to have a grand opening date scheduled soon. Below are some pictures so you can get a sense of how it is developing.



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1. Library Director Liu Chang discussing the natural light and views of ponds and natural areas.

2. The central grand staircase area.



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3. The children's area.

4. The adult and reference desk area.

Center Street and Loudoun County Parkway Intersection: As many of you know, the Center Street/Loudoun County Parkway intersection in South Riding has been the site of several serious accidents over the past few years, including one recently. After reviewing traffic safety data for the intersection provided by the Sheriff's Office that I requested following the most recent accident, it is clear to me that we must take action. Therefore, I have asked the Loudoun County Transportation Safety Committee to conduct a full review of Loudoun County Parkway intersections between Tall Cedars Parkway and Braddock Road, with the goal of identifying possible changes that would improve safety.

The Transportation Safety Committee is made up of citizens appointed by each Supervisor as well as representatives from VDOT, the Virginia State Police, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Leesburg Police Department. My Dulles District appointee to the commission, Shawn Sutherland, serves in law enforcement in Fairfax County and will lead the review. The Center Street intersection will be discussed at the committee's next meeting on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Leesburg Police Department, 65 Plaza St. NE in Leesburg. The meeting is open to the public.

Welcome John Champe High School!: John Champe High School opened its door this week. Earlier this month Principal John Gabriel gave me a tour of the new facility and it will be a terrific learning environment for our high school students with many personal touches. To learn more about school events, visit the website by [clicking here](#). I look forward to a strong Dulles South rivalry between Champe and Freedom over the coming year—with the first varsity football matchup coming this Friday night (at Freedom, 7:30 p.m.)

Announcements

Design Public Hearing, Evergreen Mills Road and Ryan Road Intersection: VDOT will be holding a design public hearing on proposed improvements to the intersection at Evergreen Mills Road and Ryan Road, just west of Brambleton. Proposed improvements include adding turning lanes, paved shoulders, and a signal. The hearing will be held at Briar Woods High School on Wednesday, September 19, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. More information is available by [clicking here](#).

Public Hearings on Proposed Dulles Toll Road Rate Increases: The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is hosting three public hearings to inform and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases along the Dulles Toll Road beginning in 2013 to support the construction of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and Dulles Toll Road improvements. These public hearings will be conducted in an open house format, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as follows:

- **Thursday, September 6, 2012-** Stone Bridge High School – Cafeteria, 43100 Hay Road, Ashburn, VA 20147
- **Wednesday, September 12, 2012-** South Lakes High School – Cafeteria, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, VA 20191
- **Thursday, September 13, 2012-** Spring Hill Elementary School - 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean, VA 22102

The public comment period on the proposed toll rate increases will run through September 16, 2012. An “On-Line Open House” will be available on the Airports Authority website at www.mwaa.com/tollroad throughout the comment period. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearings, or mailed during the comment period to: Dulles Toll Road Proposed Toll Rate Increases, 3900 Jermentown Road, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Stone Ridge Farmer’s Market: Stone Ridge is now hosting a Farmers Market every Wednesday night, rain or shine, through October 24, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse parking lot. Approximately 15 local farmers and vendors will sell a variety of goods including fresh produce, meat, and flowers. For more information, please visit <http://www.srwellnessconnection.com/farmers--market.html>.

South Riding Fall Business Expo and Community Yard Sale: The Fall Business Expo and Community Yard sale taking place on Saturday, September 8, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dulles South Multipurpose Center. More information is available on their website by [clicking here](#).

Library Card Applications: The Loudoun County Public Library will be accepting library card applications at their booth at the South Riding Fall Business Expo and Yard Sale on Saturday, September 8, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Dulles South Multipurpose Center. This is in preparation for the opening of Gum Spring Library in February 2013. If you are unable to stop by, you can register for one online by [clicking here](#).

Stone Ridge Fall Yard Sale: The Stone Ridge yard sale will take place on Saturday, September 15, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Commuter Parking Lot in the Stone Ridge Village Center. In the case of inclement weather, a rain date is scheduled for Sunday, September 16. Vendor registration is now open and will close on September 12. You can download the registration form from SRNet, pick one up at the Association Office, or [click here](#). For questions, please email the Activities Committee at stoneridgeyardsale@yahoo.com.

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